Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-16. Cancelled.

17. (Currently amended) A system for providing pickup and delivery of luggage over a distributed network, the system comprising:

    a. <u>a luggage transport service running a luggage transport service site operably connected to</u> at least one computer server connected to the distributed network, the server running a luggage transport server application;

    b. a plurality of luggage carriers each having <u>one or more</u> sites, <u>for</u> each <u>luggage carrier, a</u> site operatively associated with at <u>least one</u> computer connected to the distributed network, ~~each luggage carrier's associated computer~~ running at least one server application to provide online service to users over the distributed network, <u>and for</u> each luggage carrier~~'s associated computer also~~, <u>a site operatively associated with at least one computer connected to the distributed network</u> running at least one luggage transport client application operatively configured to interact <u>over the distrubuted network</u> with the luggage transport server application;

    c. a plurality of user input/output devices operatively configured to access an online service over the distributed network;

    d. the luggage transport server application operatively connected to data storage residing on computer readable media, and the luggage transport server application configured to:

        i. receive and store luggage travel segment data from a user;

        ii. programmatically match a luggage travel segment to a selected luggage carrier;

        iii. output selected luggage travel segment data to the selected luggage carrier.

18. (Previously presented) The system of Claim 17 wherein the luggage transport server application is further configured to:

        iv. receive and store luggage travel segment data from the selected luggage carrier;

        v. output luggage travel segment data to the user.

19.   (Previously presented)   The apparatus of Claim 17 wherein the luggage transport server application is further configured to:

iv.   receive and store luggage travel segment bid data from the selected luggage carriers;

v.   output luggage travel segment bid data to the user;

vi.   receive and store luggage travel segment bid acceptance data from the user;

vii.   output luggage travel segment bid acceptance data to the selected luggage carriers.

20.   (Currently amended) A system for providing <u>user selectable luggage carrier</u> pickup and delivery of luggage ~~across~~<u>from among</u> multiple service providers over a distributed network, the system comprising:

a.   <u>a luggage transport service running</u> at least one computer server connected to the distributed network, the server running a luggage transport server application;

b.   a plurality of luggage carriers each having <u>one or more</u> sites, <u>for</u> each <u>luggage carrier, a</u> site operatively associated with at <u>least one</u> computer connected to the distributed network, ~~each luggage carrier's associated computer~~ running at least one server application to provide online service to users over the distributed network, <u>and for</u> each luggage carrier~~'s~~ ~~associated computer also~~, <u>a site operatively associated with at least one computer connected to the distributed network</u> running at least one luggage transport client application operatively configured to interact <u>over the distrubuted network</u> with the luggage transport server application;

c.   a plurality of user input/output devices operatively configured to access an online service over the distributed network;

d.   the luggage transport server application operatively connected to data storage residing on computer readable media, and the luggage transport server application configured to:

i.   receive and store luggage travel segment data from a user;

ii.   programmatically match a luggage travel segment to a selected luggage carrier;

iii.   output selected luggage travel segment data to the selected luggage carrier;

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iv.   receive and store luggage travel segment data from the selected luggage carrier;

v.   output luggage travel segment data to the user.

21.   (Previously presented)   The system of Claim 20 wherein the luggage transport server application is further configured to:

i.   programmatically match a luggage travel segment to a plurality of selected luggage carriers;

ii.   output selected luggage travel segment data to the plurality of selected luggage carriers;

iii.   receive and store luggage travel segment bid data from each luggage carrier;

iv.   output luggage travel segment bid data to the user;

vi.   receive and store luggage travel segment's bid acceptance data from the user;

vii.   output luggage travel segment's bid acceptance data to the plurality of luggage carriers.   .

22.   (Previously presented)   The system of Claim 20 wherein the luggage transport server application is further configured to:

i.   receive and store a plurality of luggage travel segments' data from a user;

ii.   programmatically match each luggage travel segment to at least one selected luggage carrier;

iii.   output selected luggage travel segment data to each selected luggage carrier;

iv.   receive and store luggage travel segment data for each segment from the matched luggage carriers;

v.   output selected luggage travel data for each segment to the user.

23.   (Previously presented)   The system of Claim 20 wherein the luggage transport server application is further configured to:

i.   receive and store a plurality of luggage travel segments' data from a user;

ii.   programmatically match each luggage travel segment to a plurality of selected luggage carriers;

iii.   output selected luggage travel segment data from each segment to each selected luggage carrier;

iv.   receive and store each luggage travel segments' bid data from a plurality of luggage carriers;

v.   output luggage travel segments' bid data to the user;

vi.   receive and store luggage travel segments' bid acceptance data from the user;

vii.   output luggage travel segments' bid acceptance data to the plurality of luggage carriers.

24.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 17, further comprising <u>step e. as follows:</u>

<u>e.   the luggage transport server application operatively connected to data storage residing on computer readable media, and the luggage transport server application configured to:</u>

<u>i.</u>   ~~the luggage transport server application being further configured to~~ receive and store family member profile input and modification data from the user.

25.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 24, further comprising <u>step e. ii. as follows:</u>

<u>e.   the luggage transport server application operatively connected to data storage residing on computer readable media, and the luggage transport server application configured to:</u>

<u>ii.</u>   ~~the luggage transport server application being further configured to~~ receive and store luggage profile input and modification data from the user within the user's family member profile.

26.   (Currently amended) A method for providing <u>user selectable luggage carrier</u> pickup and delivery of luggage over a distributed network, the method comprising the steps:

a.   <u>a luggage transport service</u> running a luggage transport server application on at least one computer server connected to the distributed network;

b.	a plurality of luggage carriers each running at least one online service server application on at least one computer server to provide access to luggage services over the distributed network to a plurality of users;

c.	the plurality of luggage carriers also each running at least one luggage transport client application on at least one computer, the client application interoperably connected for data exchange with the luggage transport server application over the distributed network;

d.	the luggage transport server application receiving and storing in a storage medium travel segment data related to a luggage travel segment from at least one of the plurality of users;

e.	the luggage transport service computer programmatically matching the luggage travel segment data to luggage transport data from one or more selected luggage carriers to create output match data;

f.	the luggage transport service computer outputing the output match data for the matching luggage travel segment to the selected luggage carriers.

27.	(Currently amended) The method of claim 26 further comprising the steps:

g.	the luggage transport server receiving and storing travel segment bid data related to the luggage travel segment from the selected luggage carriers;

h.	the luggage transport server outputing the bid data for the luggage travel segment to the user;

i.	the luggage transport server receiving and storing bid acceptance data for a selected luggage carrier from the user;

j.	the luggage transport server outputing bid acceptance data to the selected luggage carrier.